

TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

Utah Coal Regulatory Program

April 24, 2008

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TO: Internal File

THRU: James D. Smith, Permit Supervisor *JS 02/07/08*

FROM: Wayne H. Western, Team Lead *W HW*

RE: Midterm, West Ridge Resources, Inc., West Ridge Mine, C/007/0041, Task ID #2960

SUMMARY:

On April 22, 2008, the Division received the Permittee's response to Task 2692, midterm review. This memo deals with the bonding aspects of the midterm review. The Permittee submitted updated reclamation cost estimates that will be incorporated into the MRP.

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TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

RECLAMATION PLAN

BONDING AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR Sec. 800; R645-301-800, et seq.

Analysis:

Determination of Bond Amount

The Permittee met this requirement by providing the Division with enough information to determine the amount of bond needed to ensure reclamation in the event of bond forfeiture. The Permittee provided the Division with a copy of the reclamation cost estimate to be included in the MRP.

Findings:

The information provided in the application is adequate to meet the requirements of this section.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Division should approve the amendment.